

The Rock Creek Rider



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the dish from Tish...



Larry Doyle and Kerry Duckworth shower Texas youth with prizes at November's NTTA Texas Youth National Fund Raiser Gate Trial at Twin Hills Ranch in Bridgeport, TX

Upcoming Trial events:

- Dec. 17: Work / Play day at Rock Creek – TTC meeting 6:30 pm
- Dec. 18: NEOTT – Rock Creek
- Jan. 14: TTC Work / Play day at Rock Creek – TTC meeting at 6:30 pm
- Jan. 15: TTC event – Rock Creek

One Thousand, Five Hundred, Twenty Dollars!!!!

Incredibly, that is the donation amount generated by the competitors of the Texas Youth National Fund Gate Trial November 20 hosted by Larry Doyle and Kerry Duckworth. This event is sure to become a classic not only due to the great location in Bridgeport, but more importantly because of how it benefits Texas kids competing in the Youth Nationals. Other contributions went directly to the fund, but the competition generated \$1,520! Wow!

The Bridgeport event began the day by featuring the rookies with all of the other competitors watching and cheering them on. This class welcomed four new rookie riders and according to Les Mizell, '...the encouragement they received is sure to keep them coming back!'

Each section consisted of six 1-point gates and a five-point gate while one section had 10, 1-point gates... just the kind of thing to punish bravery and reward sane judgment.

Larry and Kerry found their passion for giving back to young trailers during last year's Longhorn National when they

donated almost all of their time to help the Texas kids raise funding for the Youth Nationals. The group canvassed the sections in Muenster, selling refreshments and food to hungry and thirsty competitors and spectators (not to mention workers and observers). A food stand was manned by the kids (and parents) from daylight to dark.

Larry says, 'We enjoyed that so much that we decided that we needed to help in a bigger way and to do something that would generate more money for the fund-----so-----OUR event was born.'

To help the youth fund, make a Christmas donation today by going to the ET Cycles web site: www.etcycles.com then click on "Youth" on the lower left. Les has at least three convenient ways to accept donations to the fund. So, skip Starbucks a couple of times this week and send \$10 to the kids instead.



*"...it was safe but VERY challenging...typically I got the hang of it... by the third loop."
Les Mizell – ET Cycles*



The good, the better, and the best! Now those are some sweet prizes! Larry and Kerry gave away new tires, chain lube, air filter cleaner and oil, ball caps, stickers, grips and lots more... Mizell said, 'Everyone got an arm-full of goodies...' Nice job, Larry and Kerry!



Taylor Duval won the Novice Cup for '05



Donny Duval shows how he has won the President's Cup three times!

When is the Novice Cup not a Novice Cup?

According to Tom Batchelor, President of the NTTA club, "The event is called the Novice Cup because when it began in 1978, the Novice Class consisted of Novice and Advanced Novice. 'Advanced Novice Cup' didn't sound right, hence 'The Novice Cup' name was applied. Since then the Advanced Novice Class has changed to what is now called 'Amateur', but the original title of 'Novice Cup' will remain. "

Batchelor added, "The "President's Cup" began several years later and was named so because I was president of the club for a number of years and the title had been used in other types of championship awards and sounded 'prestigious'. It was also believed that from this title, it might come to pass that each sitting president of our club

would be responsible for hosting this trial. That idea was never adopted, and the Trial became 'my baby'."

The Dec. 3-4 event was run out of the 'second gate' area rather than the usual 'third gate' at Muenster. Tom says, 'The second gate area offers more sand between the rocks and this area is seldom used, but I like to go there about every third year.'

NTTA club VP Keith Lewis and Bob Duval assisted Tom in setting the event along with Keith corralling the rookies both days.

Taylor Duval continues his family's winning ways by adding his name as the winner of the 28th Novice Cup and Donny Duval took home the Cup for his last time. Having won the event three times now, he will compete as an exhibition rider in future President's Cup events.

Tech Tip: Leaky Fork Seal Quick Fix

Don't you just hate it when you first notice that little bit of fork oil appearing on your fork legs? I usually just clean it off and pretend that it's normal, or hope it'll quit leaking by itself. But that hardly ever happens. Almost always the leak gets worse until I have fork oil dripping off the slider, or worse, onto my front brake.

If the seal is worn or damaged then seal replacement is necessary, but frequently the leak is just caused by sand building up inside the seal. It can often be cleaned out by pushing a thin piece of plastic sheet down between the seal and fork leg. A piece of 35mm film trimmed down to about 1/2" wide works good. Move the plastic around the fork leg, sort of wiping the sand up and out of the seal. You'll be able to feel the gritty particles on the plastic when you pull it put to wipe it off. Repeat the wiping process several times until you don't feel the grit.

This won't always work. If the seal is damaged, nothing but replacement will fix the leak, but it usually works for me.

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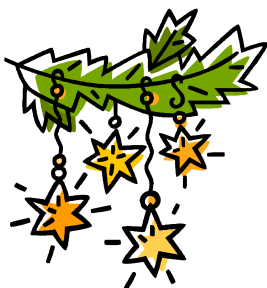
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Trials Tip:

*"fear not the obstacles
in your path.." – blind
seer in the movie, 'O
Brother Where Art Thou'*



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Competition Tip:

*In most events you have about
three hours to complete your
sections...so take your time and
enjoy it.. don't rush yourself too
much, it will shave a few points.
Oh, and get outta my way!*

Late breaking news – Out-of-staters heed highlight!

2006 Texas State Series Calendar

Rounds 1-2 CTTA - Austin City Park - Feb. 11-12
Rounds 3-4 NTTA – RR MC Park, Muenster – Mar. 4-5
Rounds 5-6 STTA - Rio Bravo MC Park, Houston - Mar. 25-26
Rounds 7-8 TOTTA - Lake McKenzie, Tulia – Apr. 29-30
Round 9 NTTA location TBA

Best 8 of 9 rounds count for Series points. (5 of 9 for Rookie,
Vintage, Women)

Out of State Riders will be allowed to receive Series points. This
is a one year probationary test, and does NOT automatically extend
to 2007.

Rule Change: "Hand off handlebar while footing" will be allowed
unless the rider attempts to reposition the motorcycle to gain an
advantage.

CTTA event will utilize new split markers similar to the ones used in
National events; if they are well received, these markers may be
used in subsequent events as well.

CTTA will host Rounds 1-2 at Austin City Park. The area is much
improved, however, camping at the Trial site may be an issue and
will be addressed ASAP.

Entry in this event will require AMA Membership

Fee structure remains unchanged at \$20.00 per day pre-entry (does
not include gate fees or insurance fees set by each host club) \$25.00
per day for late entries. Half price entry for dependent youth with one
full price entry, third youth entry is \$5 plus gate fees.

Tom Batchelor, Chairman, Texas Trials Council